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HQUSAF FOR LEF

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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, TH
SUBJ: RTAF DECISION TO BUY SECOND SQUADRON OF F-5E/F'S

REF: A. HQUSAF WASHDC/LGFE 05 1300Z SEP 78 (NOTAL)
B. BANGKOK 20139 (NOTAL), C. HQUSAF WASHDC/LGFE 19 1200Z
MAY 78 (NOTAL), D. BANGKOK 7012

1. RTAF INFORMALLY NOTIFIED JUSMAG AIR FORCE DIVISION
AUG 31 THAT IT HAS SUBMITTED TO THAI SUPREME COMMAND
FOR ENDORSEMENT A FORMAL REQUEST FOR LOA FROM USG TO
PURCHASE SECOND SQUADRON OF F-5E/F'S. (RTAF DESIRES
15 F-5E'S AND 3 F-5F'S). EMBASSY/JUSMAG EXPECTS TO
RECEIVE SUPREME COMMAND'S FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF LOA
REQUEST VERY SHORTLY.

2. RTAF REQUEST NEEDS INITIAL USG APPROVAL OF SALE NLT
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OCT 15, 1978, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AIRCRAFT AT OPTION ONE
PRICE (DOLS 108.3 MILLION) OUTLINED REFTELS A AND C.
RTAF HAS INDICATED TO JUSMAG THAT IF THEY CANNOT OBTAIN
SQUADRON AT OPTION ONE PRICE, THEY WILL HAVE TO
RECONSIDER DECISION TO BUY.

3. RTAF INITIALLY SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR P&B DATA FOR

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SECOND SQUADRON OF F-5E/F'S THROUGH THAI SUPREME COMMAND IN APRIL (REFTEL D). THE RESPONSE WAS PROVIDED THEM IN MID-MAY. DURING ENSUING MONTHS RTAF PLANNERS APPEARED AT ONE POINT TO HAVE POSTPONED FOR MID-TERM FUTURE DECISION TO BUY SECOND SQUADRON (REFTEL B, PARA 6). HOWEVER, RENEWED INTEREST IN GOING AHEAD WITH PURCHASE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY RECENT F-5E/F FIREPOWER DEMONSTRATION FOR P.M. KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN. FURTHER, BASED ON PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH JUSMAG CHIEF EARLIER THIS WEEK, RTAF HAS NOW RECEIVED TOP-LEVEL RTG APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH ACQUISITION OF NEW SQUADRON.

4. WE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHAT IMPACT RTAF DECISION REGARDING F-5E/F'S WILL HAVE ON THEIR PLANS TO PURCHASE OTHER AIRCRAFT, BUT WE WILL TRY TO CLARIFY IN NEAR FUTURE. ABRAMOWITZ

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